Bible Vision

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God Give Us Men

God give us men! A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
Men who possess opinions and a will;
Men who have honor—men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking.

Josiah Gilbert Holland

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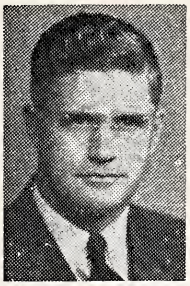
From  The President

Evangelical Christians as well as United States citizens who cherish their liberties are heartened with the decision of the New Mexico court that ruled in favor of the Protestants who were courageous enough to protest against the encroachment of Roman Catholics in the public schools. On March 14 Judge E. T. Hensley ruled that the Federal and State Constitutions were violated in twenty-eight public schools where Catholic nuns, brothers and priests were employed as teachers.

In order to know how brazen Rome has become in this land whose liberties stem from the Protestant Reformation and where Catholics enjoy freedoms which they do not grant to Protestant minorities, it is in order to publish widely the findings of the court. Judge Hensley found that the defendants violated the Constitution because:

1. Religious doctrine is taught in public school classrooms.

2. Parochial school students are furnished with free bus transportation by the state.

3. Religious emblems are displayed in public school classrooms.

4. Public school classes are conducted in buildings owned by religious orders.

5. Free text books are supplied to parochial schools.

Judge Hensley ruled that "there is no separation of church and state" in twenty-eight schools of Northern New Mexico. In the three-week trial last fall in Santa Fe, testimony was given that prayers were said and the Catholic catechism was taught during school hours in schools which are tax supported.

We may well ask ourselves how long religious freedom would exist in this country if Catholics were in the majority. They certainly do not favor it in lands of Protestant minorities. Protestantism is a deadly error, according to the Catholic hierarchy, and error is not to be given the same right as truth. That is their defence.

Strange as it may seem, corrupt, liberty-denying Romanism has only broken reeds to lean upon in Catholic countries. Italy, Spain, Portugal and other Catholic lands do not add up to much in comparison to the military might of Russia. And so Rome is talking up to Russia because she is protected by the military might of countries which have been predominantly Protestant — Britain and the United States. And, unfortunately, our weak President and vacillating State Department are cordially open to directives from the Vatican.

Thank God, for Protestants like those in New Mexico, who dare to **protest!**

The UNITY of the SPIRIT*

By Rev. J. E. Ramseyer

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness, and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Eph. 4:1-4).

Denominationalism is a great weakness in the church. Much strength is wasted in keeping up church walls that should be used in bringing souls to Christ and building up the body of Christ. Jude writes, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." This is our mission.

The merging of denominations is not essential, however, to the "unity of the Spirit." It is not necessary for all the people in a town to move into one big house in order to seek each other's highest welfare. So it is with regard to our church homes.

**From DWELL DEEP, a book of devotional messages by the late Reverend J. E. Ramseyer. (Bible Truth Publishers, Fort Wayne, Ind., $2.00.)*

There is a difference in homes, and there is a difference in churches. Some denominations are building themselves up at the expense of other societies. This is not the spirit of Christ. It is contrary to the desire of our Lord, who prayed that "all might be one."

No one denomination is the basis for "unity in the Spirit." The basis of the oneness for which our Lord prayed is not found in any society on earth, but in the Holy Spirit. This truth strikes the death blow to denominational pride. The only ground for boasting is in the Lord.

There are several qualifications for entering into the highest fellowship of the Spirit. First, we must be **in** the Spirit. That means more than to be in harmony with the spirit of our society. It means to be in the element of the Spirit and in harmony with Him. We have a beautiful example of this in John on the Isle of Patmos. According to Revelation 1:10, he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." There he heard and saw things that only those who are in the Spirit can hear and see.

Then, we must be obedient to all the light the Holy Spirit sheds on our path.

In meeting these conditions, denominational walls that separate us will become very small, and the bar-

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How to LOCATE OURSELVES in the Christian Life

Rev. Jared F. Gerig, Dean

There is such a thing as traveling along without knowing exactly where we are on the road. We consult the road-map to locate ourselves, and by its help, we can find the place where we happen to be. We may find ourselves on a wrong road, or that there is a better road than the one we are taking, or that we are wasting time through misdirection. There may be any number of complexities discovered by such a check-up.

This all has meaningful application to the spiritual life, and the most miserable souls to be dealt with are those who have lost their way spiritually. It is not a question of sincerity nor honesty, but a serious problem of locating themselves. Such souls confess that they are at sea, and have lost their compass. Their uncontrollable flounderings keep dashing them upon the rocks of despair and hopelessness. Some young people I know have reached the highest mountain-peak of danger and doubt in spiritual things. They are on the verge of losing their spiritual foothold, and plunging into an abyss of darkness and defeat. There is no apostasy in their theology or thinking, but they have lost their bearings in experience, and the maze caused by a spasmodic assurance and broken faith is keeping them bewildered and defeated.

There is no greater boon in the Christian life than a firm knowledge of the reality of great spiritual experiences in our own lives. To locate ourselves, we must begin with an examination of ourselves relative to the initial experience of salvation. The question is, "Am I doubting my present, personal salvation in Jesus Christ?" This is the problem of constant, conscious **assurance.** If we are answering the above question in the affirmative, then we need to see that within our hearts there exists a state of uncertainty and doubt which counteracts a perfect working of saving faith. Such uncertainty and doubt will be caused by an irritating condition of self-condemnation, for "if our heart condemn us **not, then** have we confidence toward God" (I John 3:19-22). John in these verses is dealing with Christians who live habitually in a state of self-accusation. In spite of their sincere devotion, faithful prayer life, and deep study of the Word, they are still being arraigned before the judgment bar of their own conscience.

Such Christians need to recognize the miserable mistake which they are making in letting their own heart and conscience be the source of their assurance. They commit the wrong of studying themselves for the evidences of a right spiritual relation and condition; they test their spiritual growth by their own fickle feelings; they live in a spiritual strait-jacket which makes every move limited and painful; they weigh the measure of God's presence by the scale of their emotional reactions; they serve by means of fluctuating impulses and mental movings. What blessing comes when all such discover that the heart and inner self is not the final court of appeal nor authority, but that the heart, shaken in faith and disturbed in emotions, must find its strongest assurance "before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." Let us not fall short of carrying our case into the court of heaven where "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: and he is himself the propitiation for our sins." To gain heart rest, our look should pass from the inward to the upward, from self to the Saviour. Our assurance will take on stability when we realize that there is a permanence in God's acceptance of us. We have in heaven "an enduring possession. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward."

From the problem of assurance, we pass to the problem of **activity.** We need to locate ourselves in relation to what we can do, and what we cannot do. There is a satanic strategy which endeavors to drive Christians to extremes. It makes of the Christian on the one extreme, a hypersensitive, conscience-stricken, fanatical worry-wart; or if it fails in this, it will seek to dull his conscience and enthusiasm, until luke-warmness and cold indifference so color his actions that he becomes a moral gad-about whose first-love is to compromise with evil. Christian young people must find a "middle-of-the-road" course, an unfluctuating rule of conduct where they can act without hesitation and without condemnation. We have such a rule given us in I Corinthians 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Such a guide for action will cull out as inferior many things which we do. Many other things which we do or cannot do because of an over-conscientiousness will lose their significance in that in no way do they bring glory to God. That which will gratify the flesh, serve to conform to the will of others, lead us into temptation, go counter to the Word of God, fulfill selfish ambitions, attract our attention to earthly things, harm our spiritual influence, bedim our Christian character, silence our Christian testimony, destroy our Christian joy, interrupt our Christian fellowship, and overthrow our Christian honesty, can never be productive of "the glory of God."

But there is another vital fluctuation-point in the life of the Christian where he needs to find his directions and be fully persuaded. It concerns his **associations.** A Christian young person will find his most aggravating temptation at this particular crossroad. Shall I go the way of the crowd, or shall I go the way of the cross? Here the Bible will challenge us again, "Come out

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Bíble Instítute Host to Musíc Festíval, May 1

The Bible Institute is sponsoring a music festival in co-operation with several college a cappella choirs that feature sacred music. The event is being arranged by Prof. Oliver E. Steiner, Director of the Institute's School of Music. The principal program will be a concert in Founders' Memorial Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 1st, at 2:30. Each choir will have a period on the program and all will unite in singing two anthems at the close.

The following guest choral groups will participate: Greenville College Choir directed by Prof. Robert W. Woods; Taylor University Choir directed by Dr. Fred D. Mohr; Huntington College Choir directed by Prof. E. Jean Ware. The Institute Men's Chorus under the direction of Prof. Steiner and the Women's Chorus under the direction of Prof. Ira Gerig will also participate.

After the contributions by the choral groups, all will unite in singing two anthems under the direction of the guest conductor, Dr. Wilfred C. Bain, Dean of the School of Music of Indiana University. Dr. Bain will also serve as music critic. He formerly headed the School of Music of Houghton College.

B.I. Groups Participating:

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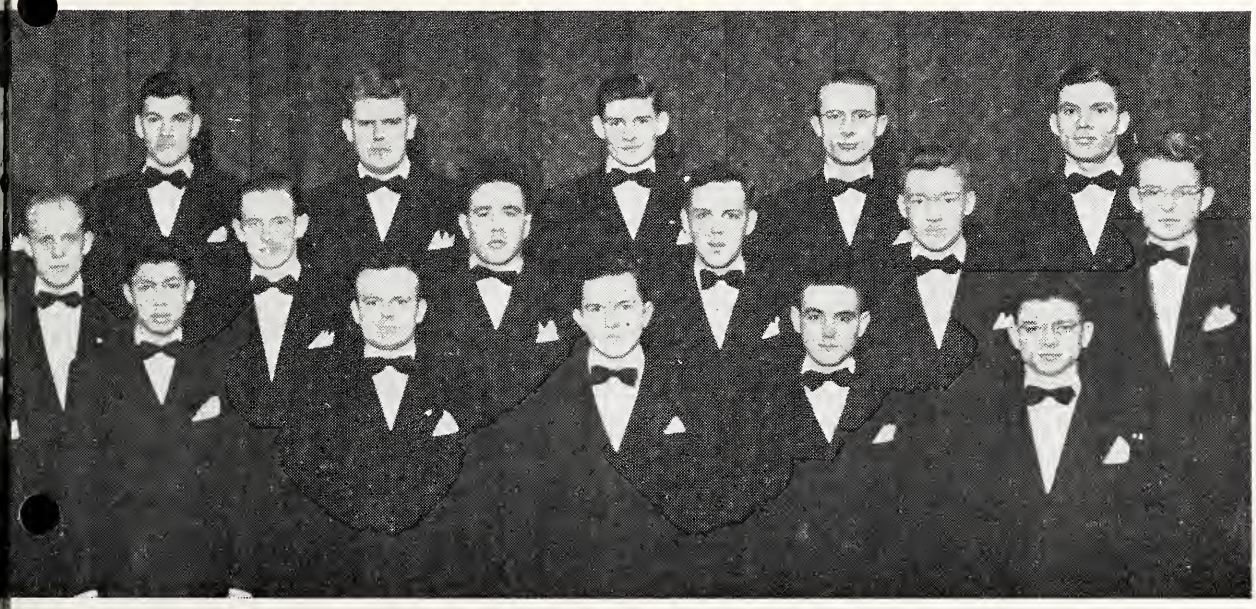

Taylor University A Cappella Choir, Dr. Frew D. Mohr, Director

Huntington College A Cappella Choir, Prof. R. Jean Ware, Director

from among them and separate your selves" (2 Cor. 6:14-16). While there are many who are rightly choosing to go God's way, yet our path will take on a singularity and solitariness which is inescapable. There is a "cleavage of the cross" as it relates itself to the will of God for you which no other can share. Strictly speaking, there will be no such thing as having anyone follow in your steps. Once we catch the meaning of this closer personal walk with God, the problem of associations and companionships will be forever solved. "Whom shall I marry?" will be a question then which cannot be solved by simply falling in love. It will involve an investigation as to whether that "only one" will hinder or help, impede or inspire, in that holy walk with God which recognizes His will at every step. The young person who has entered into this walk with God will guard zealously that "acme of affiliations" wherein divine realities assure him that there is none sweeter, higher, nobler, richer, nor more blessed.

Are you located spiritually? Have you found the right road where traveling is characterized by blessed assurance, blessed activity, and blessed associations?

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside every weight,** and the sin which doth so easily beset us."

Satanic Wiles
Worldly Enjoyments
Self-Indulgence
Greed
False Humility
Trifling.

SLATES OF EVANGELIST-ASSOCIATES

We are pleased to have in the fellowship of the Bible Institute several men who are associated with the Institute as its representatives and whose services are whole-heartedly recommended to the Christian public. Rev. Robert Strubhar is the evangelist in a party consisting of Mrs. Strubhar and Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Magary. He may be addressed at 1237 Seneca Place, Peoria, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard Amstutz, 1100 Ensley Avenue, Auburn, Indiana, have the following schedule:

April 26-May 8....Harvester Missionary, Fort Wayne, Ind.
May 17-May 29.....Open date
May 31-June 12.....Wesley Chapel, Shelbyville, Ill.
July 4-July 10.....M. Y. F. Camp, Lake Wawasee
July 18-July 31.....Camp Meeting, Wren, Ohio

Rev. J. H. Woodward is prepared to minister in Bible conferences, missionary rallies, and young people's conventions as well as in evangelistic services. He has open dates after May 1st, and may be addressed at 3811 Indiana Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Indiana. The Lord is graciously using the ministry of these men in the salvation of souls and in leading believers, particularly young people, into the fulness of blessing and service.

Fellowship Circle

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER"

Ruth Vivian Daniel ('48) and **Le-Roy Caddy** ('45-'48) Friday, April 8, in the Court Street Methodist Church, Flint, Michigan.

Marie E. Burley ('43-'46), Santa Monica, California, and Arvel C. Toland, Culver City, California, February 28. They are at home at 4468 Sentenella Blvd., Venice, Cal.

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JUNIOR ALUMNI

Born to **Mr.** (B. I. music instructor) and Mrs. **Ray Weaver,** a son, **Arthur Douglas,** February 9, Elkhart, Indiana.

A son was born to **Mr.** ('44) and **Mrs.** ('43-'44) **John Bontrager** one-half hour after the arrival of Prof. Weaver's boy. Mr. Bontrager is Mrs. Weaver's cousin, and the Bontragers are also in Elkhart on furlough from Nigeria, Africa. We have not been informed of the name of the Bontrager baby.

Born to **Rev. Dale** ('43) and **Vera Blocher** ('44) **Moser** a daughter, **Alice Marie,** March 1, also in Elkhart, where for the past few weeks the Mosers have been staying with Mrs. Moser's parents. Mrs. Moser is suffering quite severely from a tropical skin infection and earnestly requests your prayers, as the time is drawing nigh when they should be returning to Ecuador, South America.

Mr. ('45-'49) and **Mrs.** ('45-'46) **Russell Persons** now proudly claim a son, **Gregory Lynn,** born March 3, at Monroe, Indiana, where Mr. Persons pastors a Friends Church. Linda and Judith Ann are happy to own a little brother.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. (nee **Doris Goehring** '45) E. L. Marquardt, Lansing, Michigan, a daughter, **Priscilla Sue,** March 5.

Pamela Sue arrived March 5 to bless the home of **Frank** ('48) and **Eunice Schwendener** ('45-'47) **Deninger,** Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Grace arrived March 11 in the home of **Rev. David** ('38) and **Marie Stauffer** ('34-'36) **Rupp, Jr.,** Sierra Leone, Africa.

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IN AND AROUND B. I.

In recent weeks the following were seen on the campus of B. I.:

Rev. Ellis Roth ('43), pastor at Angola, Indiana; **Howard Dunlap** ('48), pastor; **Jim Bell** ('48); **Elbert Neuenschwander** ('47), student at Goshen College; **Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz** ('36), pastor at Berne, Indiana; **Rev. Karl Kerlin** ('46), pastor at Sylvania, Ohio, and family; Mrs. Virgil Reinhart (nee **Vera Wisehart,** '21-'22), who with her husband is serving the Lord in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Eddie Habegger ('32), District Superintendent of the Western District of the Missionary Church Association, spoke in chapel March 11. Rev. Habegger held a series of revival services in the Missionary Church at Grabill, Indiana, over March 20.

Miss Evelyn Kuhnle, missionary candidate under appointment by the Africa Inland Mission to sail within a few months for Africa, spoke in chapel March 4. She is the daughter of **Rev. Ernest Kuhnle** ('08), who is now in charge of the Detroit, Michigan, City Rescue Mis-

sion. Mrs. Kuhnle is the former **Salome Schug** ('18), and she accompanied Miss Evelyn on her visit.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Rev. Charles E. McHatton ('46) has entered the evangelistic field and is open for services. His present address is 1505 S. 12th St., Phoenix, Arizona, but in the near future he expects to move to the Indiana area.

Arthur Neuenschwander ('47) is pastoring a country church near Berne, Indiana.

Miss Christine Johnson ('21) is associated with the Missionary Workers' Junior Bible School, Highland Park, Michigan.

Miss Louise Zuber ('45-'47), Elida, Ohio, shares with us God's blessings:

"We have been having wonderful revival meetings. There have been anywhere from one to four souls at the altar of prayer every night."

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FROM THE MOUNTAINS

"Now we visit 25 schools each week, including a six-room, a three-room, and several two-room schools. Thus over the years we have been privileged to minister the Word to several thousand children. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit will recall to their hearts and minds the Word of God which will bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ. Besides the school work, we conduct two Sunday Schools.

On July 3rd of last year, our home was blessed by the arrival of Grace Evangeline. She has been dedicated to the Lord, along with her four sisters and brother.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Furman
(both '30),
Harold, Kentucky.

FROM FOREIGN SHORES

"We just finished another season of giving out the Word of Christ at the annual Hindu festival. The precious seed was sown in various ways and hungry hearts came with questions. But oh, the sad thing is —not willing to pay the price. Anyone born in a Christian family or nation cannot realize what it means for these people to step out of their religion and accept Christianity."

John and Helen Blosser,
(both '45), India

Rev. (student in '39) and Mrs. **Arthur J. Herbert** moved from Zamboanga City to Panandakan, Philippine Islands, and are laboring among the Yakan Moros. They describe a Mohammedan burial and add: "This sad heathen ritual reminded us afresh of the desperate need of this one tribe of 98 known in the Philippines and of our responsibility."

"I just got home a few days ago from a trip to Bellavista where I ministered to the colored folk. God gave a good week of ministry. Six children confessed Christ as their Savior. While there was no outward manifestation amongst the adults, there was the consciousness of God's speaking to their hearts. Some attended the meetings for the first time."

Mary Keinrath ('40),
Colombia, South America.

"We are so thankful that the war with Hyderabad ended so soon. Then a greater cause for thanksgiving is that the Safety Law which prohibited our baptizing anyone without the permission of the District Magistrate has been rescinded. A third cause for thanksgiving is that there are several new inquirers right here in Chandur, men who

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riers that divide spiritual people will disappear. We have a beautiful example of this in Peter's experience in connection with Cornelius. As the Apostle walked in the light of heaven and obeyed the Spirit's voice, the "wall of partition" between Jew and Gentile that seemed so high and strong vanished, and Peter exclaimed, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons."

One day while reading the Word in a train, the conductor asked me, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" A very interesting and helpful conversation followed in which we had the sweetest fellowship in the Spirit. The question was never asked, "To what denomination do you belong?"

To preserve and to strengthen this heavenly relationship we must crave to be in most intimate fellowship with the "Father and the Son" in the Holy Spirit. We must shun everything that will not aid in strengthening this oneness with our blessed Lord. Then we must be willing to minister not only to those inside our society but to those outside as well. The gifts of the Spirit are given for the edification of the whole body of Christ.

We are aware that Satan is opposed to all of the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of men. But he marshalls his strongest forces against the crowning work of the blessed Spirit, which is the blending together of all believers in the Holy One.

The snares of the great foe are so subtle that it behooves us to be sober and to always watch and pray. In the light of this the Apostle wrote to the Corinthian Church as follows: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

have been working for us on the bungalow repair job or helping with the garden. Please take these on your heart."

Rev. ('17) and Mrs. **Tilman Amstutz,** India.

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Building Liquidation Gifts

While the goal is still some distance away, yet we are thankful that progress continues in wiping out the remaining debt on two school buildings—Founders' Memorial and Providence Hall. The debt on these two buildings has been consolidated and gifts are placed in the one fund.

In the month from February 25 to March 24, the following gifts were sent in and are gratefully acknowledged:

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